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UNCLE SAM. — I 'm willing to make any reasonable extradition treaty with you, but I won't help send political refugees to Siberia!



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

CONCERNING THE RUSSIAN TREATY. The formation of an international treaty in time of peace is not a transaction demanding secret deliberation on the part of the Senate. In the case of the Russian treaty, which has been or is about to

be ratified, the policy of secresy has been mischievous. With or without reason, the people have been led to believe that a treaty is contemplated which will, in effect, sanction and abet the crimes of Russian despotism. If the version of it that has eluded senatorial reticence is not distorted, this treaty removes from the category of political offenses, and thereby makes extraditable, any design or attempt upon the life of a member of the royal The Russian definition of this offense, which is punishable by death, is found in the case of a young student at the University of Kieff, who was lately hanged for an attempt upon the life of the Czar. His attempt appeared simply in his being found in possession of a pamphlet advocating representative government for Russia. We as a nation, of course, can not endorse assassination as a civilizing agent. But this treaty would return to the clutches of this barbarous monarchy not only the man who killed or really attempted to kill the tyrant who grinds his people, but it would refuse asylum to the man who should indulge in the faintest hope of righting his country's wrong in a peaceful manner. That we should grant to this despotism which furnishes the greatest provocation for revolt, a privilege that we withhold from the humane nations, is as absurd as it is iniquitous. If such a treaty were ratified, Russia would have induced us to shoulder a part of the dreadful responsibility it incurs in enslaving its people. Our nation gained its liberty by doing on a large scale what the Russian patriot tries to do single-handed. We can not now endorse a despotism a thousand times more iniquitous than that we threw off. War is only wholesale assassination with a better advertisement of motive. That is why we can not consistently deliver to death or worse, the man who has dared to contemplate the ends for which we fought. We, least of all the peoples of the world, can afford to brand a longing for liberty as a A treaty such as this would acknowledge our moral and material prosperity to be the fruit of crime; it would indict as assassins the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Russia has forfeited its right to any but the most meager of diplomatic courtesies - just sufficient to preserve the two nations from needless friction.

There is yet a deeper significance attaching to our attitude toward Russia. The responsibility entailed by our revolt from British misrule did not cease with the success of that revolt. We established by force of arms certain principles which we believed to be requisite to the maintenance of in inerty and equality. In so doing we obligated ourselves to uphold those principles forever. That obligation can hardly be better met than by giving to oppressed nations, not only the benefit of our example, but the aid of our sympathy and such discreet encouragement as may be consistent with the preservation of peace with their rulers. We gave this example, this sympathy and this encouragement to France in its day of monarchical oppression; and, in consequence, we became the father of the French Revolution; a child that, despite the travail attending its birth, has grown to do us proud. We should stand to-day toward the people of Russia as we stood toward the people of France in 1789, and as France stood toward us in 1776. Our influence is handicapped in this instance by the grosser despotism which rules Russia, a despotism which precludes the sympathetic intimacy that existed between France and the United States in our days of trouble. But this fact only makes our obligation the more sacred. The spirit of freedom in Russia, blinded, cramped and persecuted as it is, looks to the United States of America for its inspiration.

CONCERNING CRUSHED TRUTH.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature making it a misdemeanor for publishers of newspapers to "misrepresent the circulation of their papers for the purpose of securing advertising or other patron-

age." This is a foul blow at the freedom of the press. What 's a press good for, anyway? This bill indicates that some one has been taking seriously the airy perjuries of the circulation editor. This is wrong. In olden times the King had his minstrel to sing the blessings of his rule. The modern King of Thought avails himself of the same privilege. He subsidizes the conscience of an imaginative being, who thereupon sings that the circulation of the Morning Bluff is 568,794. An ordinary journeymanliar could not do this. It requires special training. The notarial poet begins by figuring the distance from the earth to the sun. He then ascertains how much greater it would be if multiplied by the number of fixed Becoming used to large totals, he thus works out his result: The actual number of Morning Bluffs printed ought to be twice as great as it is, on general principles; and every copy of the paper is read by at least three people. Therefore the average daily circulation is six times the number printed,-with a few odd added on to impart a hue of veracity. His work is further complicated by his need to show an increase of about twenty-eight thousand each month, and yet to keep within the realm of the possible. And some idiot believes that these statements deceive. Next, some one will want a law to eliminate the improbable from comic-opera plots. The one sad feature of the spectacle is that several newspapers that are notoriously beholden to the circulation romancer, instead of denouncing this blow at poetic license, support it. This is the same consistency that Cain would have displayed if, after his fratracidal encounter with Abel, he had gone about securing names to a petition to make murder a capital crime. This bill would not only divert to other and perhaps harmful ends these perennial springs of mendacity; it would, at one fell blow, decrease the aggregate circulation of New York papers by seventy per cent. Kill it by all means. There is too little poetry in the world now.

A NEW EDUCATIONAL PLAN.



HE MASTER of the high-priced school
With smile screne and bland,
The backward pupils marks way up
To show how well they stand.

The parents fairly jump and dance,
They feel so proud and gay.
And then, of course, the little boys
Won't give the snap away.

That is why the boys know lots of ball, It makes me sad to state, And naught at all of Q. Hora-Tius Flaccus, B. C. 8.

R. K. M.

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HIS DECADENCE.

RIVERS IDE. — Rondo tells me he sold six poems to the magazines last week.

JACK LEVER. - Poor fellow! and he used to write such good poetry, too!

THE PATENT IRONING BOARD; OR, FRIGHTENED FRANKY'S REVENGE.





COLLISION OF IDEAS.

REGGY BACKBAY. - Miss de Mudd, are you at all interested in psychology?

MISS DE MUDD .- Oh, yes; very much indeed! But I know I should break my neck if I tried to ride one.

WHEN SHE SITS ON HIS LAP.

HELEN HYLER .- Don't you think it is very bad form for a man who is calling on a young

lady to sit down before she does?

JACK LEVER. — Certainly; but under some circumstances he has to.

EXPLAINED.

CHIMMIE. - I wonder why dem swell dress

coats is cut away so in front fer?

CHONNY.—So's a feller kin gits his hands in his pockets easy, I s'pose.

AT THE DIME-MUSEUM.

SKELETON JOE. - Dis here is a great stew. Have a piece of de neck?

FLOSSY-BEARDED KITTY. - Not on yer life.

I got one neck on me plate already.

SKELETON JOE.—Hully Gee! Dey must 'a' killed de double-headed chicken!

COMPETITION THE LIFE OF TRADE.

GOLDBERG .- Say, Ikey, Bloomingstein is having a big bargain sale; you just take those fifty-cent cards, draw a line through them, mark them thirty-seven, and put them on the twenty-five-cent goods. We must keep abreast of the times.

A LONG STRIKE.

Wife. — Did you get back your old place?

HUSBAND (gloomily). — N — No. The company said all our places were filled, everything was running as usual, and no strikers would be taken back.

WIFE (anxiously).—What are you going to do?
HUSBAND (with dignity).—Do? We'll continue the strike.

HE LOOKED upon the banyan tree
That spreads about with air divine, And murmured in his perfect glee,



AN ILL OMEN.

McAugury.—Confound it! A cross-eyed woman looked at me. FRIEND .- Well, what of it?

McAugury (despairingly).—What of it? Why, I'm a candidate for the Presidency of a Thirteen Club, and I'm on my way to the election; but (hopelessly) that settles me!



MAN, POOR MAN:

MRS. JOHN P. Cox (irritably).- Here I'm dressed and waiting, with a dress on that cost you nearly a hundred dollars and a hat that cost thirty-five! I should think you would be anxious to get out and let people see how well your wife is dressed instead of dillydallying around in this way. What are

you doing, anyhow?

MR. Cox (from next room, meekly).—One moment, dear. I'm trimming my cuffs.

AN ADVANTAGE.

HOBSON .- There 's one advantage in being poor.

Dobson. - I'd like to know it.

Hobson. - Did n't you ever notice that self-righteous and glorified feeling a poor man has when he tells you how charitable he would be if he were rich.

VAIN REGRET.

It makes the shrewd old speculator sigh To think that, while he flies financial kites, He can never build a railroad in the sky, Or lay the heavens out in building sites.

Between the combined threats of the abbreviated rainy day costumes and the hoopskirt, the anticipations of the slender woman built on the Eastlake plan are not happy ones.



UNCLE ATTICUS. (Concluded.)

Retold from the French of M. GUY DE MAUPASSANT

by H. C. BUNNER.

The Rev. Mr. Studder hurried into his clothes and crossed the street to the silent mansion of Mr. Jarbey, where only a pale night-lamp glowed in the great room on the second floor.

"What a horrible thing," thought the Reverend gentleman, "for that godless old man, if he is as godless as I have been told - to die attended

only by that heartless and graceless reprobate!" From a recessed doorway further along the street, Theodore watched the missionary disappear into the house of Uncle Atticus. He grinned in his malicious, half-intoxicated glee as he tried to picture to himself the encounter that was about to take place. Under ordinary circumstances it would probably have resulted in battle, murder, and the sudden death of But Uncle Atticus was absolutely paralyzed by the attack the missionary. He could hardly move hand or foot: he had no means of defense left to him but his large and varied vocabulary of objurgation.

Theodore ran over in his mind the long list of his uncle's explosions of unhallowed rage, and reflected, with profound satisfaction, on the probability that this one would be worse than any one of which the old man had hitherto been guilty. But five minutes - ten minutes - a quarter of an hour passed and

no sound came from the great square mansion of yellow brick. was growing sharp and chill. Theodore emerged from his hiding-place and began to walk up and down in the middle of the roadway, casting anxious and expectant glances at his Uncle's house; but no sound disturbed the calm silence of the moonlight night, until the bell of the town clock struck four, and Theodore realized that nearly three-quarters of an hour had elapsed since his uncle's hall-door had closed behind the broad

He began to be disturbed in mind, and before long he was both mystified and worried. What had happened? Had Uncle Atticus gone

off in a fair.t, or suddenly died at the apparition of a clergyman in the very chamber of infidelity? Had he killed the missionary? Had the missionary killed him? The state of his uncle's digestion forbade the supposition that the two had eaten each other, or otherwise Theodore would have accepted this as the only likely solution of the problem. For another long hour the unhappy nephew of Uncle Atticus cooled his heels in the damp, dank morning air. He dared not enter the house and find out for himself what had happened, for that would have committed him to an acknowledgment of his participation in the matter; and he had no notion whatever of confessing his guilt, should it appear

shoulders of the missionary,

that any unpleasant consequences had been the outcome of his practical joke. Theodore was not that kind of young man.

Finally, when five o'clock rang out upon the chill air, Theodore realized the necessity for taking further steps. Nearly opposite his uncle's mansion lived a young gentleman of Theodore's kidney, who came as near as any one could to being Theodore's chum. This gentleman's name was Nathaniel Gillup, and he slept on the ground floor of a little wing of his father's house that gave on two streets - an apartment eminently convenient of nocturnal access. A signal familiar to the two young men brought Mr. Gillup promptly to the window; and in a few minutes, Theodore, wrapped in his friend's blankets, was telling with chattering teeth the story of the night. Mr. Gillup was deeply interested. In the pauses of his friend's narrative, he repeatedly uttered the common or garden name of the place of departed spirits; and when the recital had come to an end, he nimbly but noiselessly executed a complicated dance-step, known to the profane as a domino; and said cheerfully, as he put on a bath-robe of

"This is a lark. Take a nip of whiskey and get into my bed, and I'll sit here at the window and spell you for a while.

Mr. Gillup's vigil was faithful but futile. Six o'clock came and seven, Then, apprebut the home of Mr. Jarbey was still wrapped in silence. hensive that he might be keeping watch on a house of death, Mr. Gillup wakened the weary Theodore to an aching head, and the two young men sat and stared from behind the blinds at the big yellow house. with unspeakable relief that they saw at last the beginning of the usual daily life of the establishment. The blinds were opened by Mr. Jarbey's solitary domestic, who moved about naturally, as if nothing strange had happened.

"Can't we go over and get old Hetty to give us a tip on the sly?"

suggested Mr. Gillup. "Not on your life!" cried Theodore, in alarm. "The old woman positively hates me; and she's smarter than any ten steel traps. the only thing to do is to wait and watch. He never gets up Sundays till twelve even when he's well; and he does n't like to have any one come in the house till he's smoked a couple of pipes and feels just right - about

two or three in the afternoon. "The young men took turns in watching throughout the morning, Theodore impelled by a gnawing fear and anxiety, and Gillup by curiosity and the delight of sharing in a mystery. It was nearly two o'clock when the front door opened, and the missionary appeared, and crossed the street to his own house. He bore no signs of excite-

ment or disorder; on the contrary, he had the tranquil air of a man well satisfied with the world and with himself. Theodore took a stiff drink of whiskey from his friend's bottle, and hurried nervously to his uncle's bedside.

Uncle Atticus lay in his old-fashioned fourposter bed, pale, except as to the extreme tip of his nose, and wearing an expression of gloomy dejection. "Well, Uncle," his nephew addressed him, as naturally and cheerfully as he could, which was neither very naturally or very cheerfully, "how do you feel this morning? I was in hopes I'd find you up and about by this time."

Uncle Atticus shook his head as one does who hears a grave subject lightly discussed. "I come mighty near dying last night, Theodore," he said solemnly. "You may not know it, Theodore, but since you left me I've been a mighty sick man -

an almighty sick man."

There was a suggestion of reproach in the phrase "since you left me," and Theodore hastened to excuse himself. "Well, of course," he said, "I saw you were suffering from one of your attacks of indigestion."

"Indi-hell — there, don't you get me to swear, Theodore. I suppose you think there ain't ever anything worse the matter with people than indigestion? Well, now let me tell you there's some things you don't know in this world, young man. There's two or three things you've got to learn yet. I come just as near dying last night as ever I did in my life. I had an attack, after you fellows went away, that was worse than anything I ever thought a man could live through.

Theodore felt his spirits beginning to return. "What sort of an

attack was it, Uncle," he inquired.
"I don't know, I don't know," said Mr. Jarbey, shaking his head; "it was something between cholera and pneumonia, I should think; may be a little of both. And I'd have died here in my bed - died here alone yes, sir - alone - if it had n't been for the mercy of Divine Providence."

"Hey!" gasped Theodore.

"Yes, sir," repeated Mr. Jarbey impressively; "the mercy of Divine Providence. Oh, you may well open your ears! There's nothing like it. As true as I'm layin' here — as true as I'm layin' here, Theodore there 's be'n a miracle worked in this house!" He reached out a fevered hand, caught the wrist of the amazed young man, and pulled him closer, while his voice dropped to an awe-struck whisper as he went on. you know that missionary - that man with a beard - Mr. Studder? I did n't used to like him exactly - you know. Well, that man had a revelation last night."

"A rev - what?" stammered Theodore.

"A revelation; yes, sir, a revelation, like they had in the back part of the Bible. A vision from heaven come to that man and said I was sick, and left all alone here, and needed him the worst way. And what does that man do, Theodore? What does that Christian gentleman do — but get right into his pants, and come over here and take care of me the whole night long. Why, he could n't have done more for me if he 'd been my own brother!"

Theodore struggled with an intense desire to laugh, but controlled "You seem to take kindly to religious society, himself after a moment.

Uncle," he said, with ironical bitterness in his tone.

Uncle Atticus released his nephew's wrist, and looked a little confused as he replied: "'T wa'n't a question of religion, Theodore," he said. "'T was a question of life and death. And I tell you, Theodore, that man took right good care of me. You see, those missionaries - may be you don't know it, Theodore — but they have to study medicine just like (Concluded on page 118, this number.)



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BUNCOING THE DEVIL.

DICK .- I always thought you a man of good taste, Tom; why do you wear an imitation opal?

Tom .- The genuine ones are infernally unlucky, you know.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND, THAT BLOWS NO GOOD."

MR. JONES (in FLORIST'S). - Well, Miss Rose, how's business to-day?

MISS ROSE .- It's been kind of dull for the past couple of days; but Col. Grave's funeral will brighten things up a bit, to-day."

"AT THE CHURCH DOOR."

SEXTON (to party trying the door during baptismal service). — You can't go

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITOR (vexed). Can't go in? A d - n pretty sort of a church this is!

SEXTON (apparently pleased). — Oh, yes, sir! a great many come a long way to see it.



COATES .- Has Mudleigh a large fortune? GLOSSÉ .- Immense; and his income is in-

creasing every year. COATES .- Inherit it?

GLOSSÉ.- No; he invented a compound for taking the shine off diagonals.

COATES .- Does it work?

GLOSSÉ .- No; but it sells.

KEEN AT A BARGAIN.

VENDER.— Any sawdust, lady? MRS. CUTRATE.— How much?

VENDER. - Five cents a bar'l, an' I 'll take it in an' dump it.

MRS. CUTRATE .- I'll give you three.

VENDER (scornfully) .- Won't you take a bar'l for nothin'?

MRS. CUTRATE (deliberately) .- Is it sifted?

SUPERSTITIOUS VENERATION.

FOREIGNER. - Republics are ungrateful. When your great men die you do not even see that their

graves are kept green.

AMERICAN. — Well, our college boys paint their monuments so quite frequently.







ENTERPRISING MUSEUM MANAGER, (who has advertised the appearance of PADE-REWSKI, to BEAUTIFUL CIRCASSIAN). — Miss Dugan, allow me to prisint Mr. O'Shayne; and, as he has been disappinted in the arroival of his luggage, may I ask you to be koind enough to lind him your wig, in order that he may go on with the nixt number?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

HARDUPP. - I 've promised diamonds to a young lady. I saw some cracking good imitations on Broadway to-day. She'll never know the difference.

CARPER. - What 's the young lady's name?

HARDUPP. - Miss Rosenbaum. CARPER. - You'd better get the genuine!

THE ORIGINAL REPUBLIC.

GHOST OF GARRISON. - You do not deny that all men were created free and equal, John?

GHOST OF JOHN C. CALHOUN .- Yes; I do. Only two men were created free and equal; and one of them, sir, was a woman.

A KIND OF EDITOR.

REPORTER .- I have a big sensation for you.

EDITOR .- What is it?

REPORTER. - Peter McGuigan, the drygoods merchant, has just beaten his wife half to death.

EDITOR. - Very sorry; but we can not use it.

REPORTER .- Why not? EDITOR .- Because Peter would come right around and withdraw his advertise-

SHE CAN'T CALCULATE. "Women have no head

for figures." "That 's so. My wife insists that she is only two years older now than she was in 1883."



SPARRING WITHOUT A MASTER - Punching the Bag.

THE COLOSSUS OF ROADS - Broadway.

"THE PRICE of whiskey has been raised again," said Col. Bludd of Kentucky.

"Well," answered his neighbor, "there is one good thing. It can't cost more than it is worth."



ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT.

ENRAGED CUSTOMER .- Look here; what kind of a shop do you call this? I've been waiting here over an hour, while my hat is being blocked!

SALESMAN.-Yes, sir; - our sign outside says: "Block your hat while you wait."

any regular doctor; and I guess there 's some of 'em knows as much as most doctors. Anyway, he saved my life. I would n't be here now talking to you, Theodore, if it wa'n't for that man."

"He seems to have made a night of it."

"I hope you'll never have to go through such a night, Theodore." This was said in a tone of deep reproach. "He stuck right by me through it all, though," went on Uncle

Atticus; "and he would n't even go home to breakfast - just sat right down there on a chair at the foot of the bed, and et something off the washstand. I was feeling so bad I could n't take anything, only a cocktail. Hetty makes a first-class cocktail. Did me good."

"Did the missionary have a cocktail, Uncle?" inquired Theodore.

"Now, that's what I don't like about you, Theodore," said his uncle, with considerable irritation. "You don't know where to stop. He's got his convictions and I've got mine.

And if I don't go quite so far as he does, why, that's no reason why I should n't respect his notions of what 's right and proper."

This time Theodore was nearly stricken dumb. It was some time before he could murmur an apology. "I did n't mean anything," he said, in a bewildered manner. "Of course I feel that way myself. I respect—I respect—everybody," he concluded vaguely and weakly.

An awkward silence reigned for a minute.

"Did you find him — a pleasant talker?" Theodore hazarded at last. "First-rate, first-rate," his uncle answered, more agreeably. "A man who's been out in the world so much as he has, and seen so much, could n't help being an interesting talker. Makes an elegant prayer, too — and, oh, yes — what was I going to say? Oh, yes. He lent me a book to read, too. Real interesting book. You'd ought to read it, Theodore." And Uncle Atticus hurriedly and somewhat confusedly produced from under the bedclothes a small, black book bearing on its cover in showy gilt a picture of a crown skewered on an African war-spear.

"A religious book!" exclaimed Theodore, in undisguised amazement. "Why, yes — no. It's the 'Historical Account of the South African ons.' Why, no, I would n't say it's a religious book; it's more a sort Missions.' of a kind of book of travels and adventures. I tell you, you may say what you like, Theodore, those folks have done a lot of good in those bar-barous countries." Theodore knit his brows and asked quietly:

"When is the Reverend Mr. Studder coming to see you again?"

"I don't know - I don't know; may be he 'll look in to-day, just to see how I am," answered Uncle Atticus in some confusion. "He said he guessed I'd better not talk to anybody much more to-day - might make me tired, and put me back."

Great minds sometimes conquer misfortunes by temporary submission; but Theodore's mind, though it was keen enough, had no elements of greatness. "Good-afternoon, Uncle," he said; and then he could not resist giving the renegade one vicious thrust. "I suppose you don't know yet the date when they'll receive you into the Church?"

His uncle made a rapid movement of anger, and seized the pillow; then, controlling himself, he turned his back, and, with hands trembling with rage, tried to re-arrange his bed and settle himself for a nap.

"No, I don't know," he said, savagely; "but I 'll tell you what I do know. I do know who left me here to die all alone. And I do know who saved my life. No, I don't want you to fix that pillow for me! But I 'll tell you what you can do: you can send Hetty to me, as you go out, and you can shut the front door so's it won't slam. Good-day ... Good-day !"

Uncle Atticus has had no return of his attacks of indigestion since he joined the church and the prohibition party, and married a Shining

Light among the Daughters of Temperance. As he has also resumed business, and is making money with great rapidity, his sanity is unquestioned. Theodore is attending to his law practice more than he used to.

(This series of short tales was begun in No. 831 of PUCK.)

NO NECESSITY TO WORK.

PULLEN.- I worked hard trying to get a government clerkship, but I'm going to take a good rest now.

PUSCH .- You 've given up trying, have you? PULLEN. - Oh, no; I secured the place.

UNHEBRAIC.

ISAACSTEIN. - Moses, vot you t'ink about dis t'eory dot de Intians vos von off der lost tripes of our beobles?

WITTEHAUSER .- Nein, nein; dey sell de land too cheap.

TAPERING OFF IN ENTHUSIASM.

"Fleesey does n't seem to be very enthusiastic about his approaching marriage

"No; Fleesey was one of those Republicans who was sure that Harrison would carry New York."



AT VERY UNCERTAIN INTERVALS.

DISPENSARY PHYSICIAN. - Take this edicine three times a day, after each

meal.

DUSTY RHODES.—Have n't you forgotten to give me part of the prescription?

DISPENSARY PHYSICIAN.—What?

DUSTY RHODES.—The—er—meal ticket.

STRINGING HER.

KATE. - That Singer girl reminds me of a ball of twine. LOUISE .- Why?

KATE. - She 's so wrapped up in herself.

A POSTAL NOTE.

LESTER .- Why are letters stamped on the back?

JESTER .- To let the public know when they reach town.

LESTER .- But why are they stamped so illegibly?

JESTER .- So that the public won't know how long it takes to deliver them.

CHATTERBOXES - Society's, at the Opera.

JACK HARDUP. - Is there any cure for love?

LOVINA COTTAGE. - Oh, yes! The gold cure.

LOVE IS FREQUENTLY satisfied with quantity; but friendship demands quality.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT.

The champion pugilist's so bright, So crafty and so cute, That soon to go and fight his fight He'll pay a substitute.



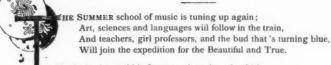
A FOE TO THE UNION.

HOTEL KEEPER .- Well, what 's the matter, now?

WAITER GIRL .- Oi 've been app'inted a committee av wan be th' Amerikin Waiter Gurruls Union, t' notify yeh that if yeh don't discharruge Maggie, th' new waiter leddy, th' whole foorce will stroik.

HOTEL KEEPER. - My Stars! What has she done? WAITER GIRL. - She give wan av th' boorders rale crame fur his coffee instid av savin' it fur th' servants' table!

AN OPTIONAL.



No doubt the world is firmer, as it on its axis whirls Because of all the struggles of these enterprising girls; But by Shades of old Chautauqua! I know a Summer course That her curriculum by some mistake does not enforce.

For while the searchers after Truth toil under July skies, I find it out in one brief glance into my fair one's eyes; And, while the Destiny of Man that poor bud vainly seeks, It is revealed to me, O Heaven! in one word Phyllis speaks.

> They'll come trooping back in Autumn as wise as when they went,-We'll hope. At least, it's not for me to mock their good intent; When I 've got my diploma, and am ready now "to teach," A graduate of Cupid's class, held down here on the beach

M. L. Smith.



"THE PRESENT TIME."

A THEORIST.

JIMPSON.—Yes, sir; protection is the only rational policy for Americans. Any man who will advocate free trade, which will enrich foreign merchants at the expense of our merchants, is not worthy of American citizenship. Hello! here comes my train!

SIMPSON.—Going away? Business, I suppose?

JIMPSON.—Well, rather; you see, I go over to Cheaptown to buy my household supplies. I can do from three to

five per cent. better there.

EVER THUS.

The suburbanite who has n't yet Paid for last Winter's coal Is purchasing roses now, you bet, To clamber about a pole.

MODERN HISTORY.

TEACHER. - Who won the Battle of New Orleans? SMALL Boy. - Jim Corbett.

T IS BETTER and greater to be a plain private citizen than to hold public office. If you doubt this, consult Mr. Richard Croker.

EDITOR OF COUNTRY NEWSPAPER. - There, give that column editorial to the foreman and tell him that Panama Canal Frenchman's name is spelled with an accented e.

ASSISTANT .- I beg your pardon, sir; but this week it is my turn for the accented e, and I've used it in speaking of the fin de siécle girl. EDITOR .- That 's so; I forgot. Well, kill the editorial!



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THE CHINEE RACE.



BIN READIN' some remarks onto the subjeck of the Chinee popilation," said the man who never went home, folding up his newspaper and leaning thoughtfully against the counter; "a interestin' article in las' week's Grass Mower, 'n' I got to kinclude that I hev done them race an injestice in my own mind. I ain't never regard 'em as human bein's, so to speak, or, I mought say, not even as animils of a real respect-

able character, but I l'arn from these description, that they got surprisin' good qualities in some directions. It appear they are a very dokile race, 'n' very obejeant, 'special obejeant to parents - in fact, disobejeance to ol' folks are looked on as a crime. Now, ain't that a lesson for heathens to teach us inlightened 'nt cultivated stoodents? Jes think of it! Why most of our young 'uns would actilly seem to consider obejeance a crime, if too much endulged in."

"Say now! look here! hold up!" The man who had left his horse pawing at the door, and had come in for a match, paused in the middle of biting off his cigar, to offer this remonstrance with an injured air. "Don't go comparin' our young folks with sich generations as them - don't do it! Them Chinese, young an' old, ought to be swep' off the face of the earth - clean off! It's a livin' disgrace to have such things standin' round."

"Oh, it is, is it?" asked the man who never went home, with ironical tolerance. "You got views a long way ahead of the wisdom that 's runnin' this 'arth, ain't ye? The creeturs that bin made 'n' approved of, don't meet your idees 'n' calkilations. Wal, now, do you suppose this world was on'y made for good folks to live in - folks that looks well 'n' acts well?"

The man who had never been known to speak, here began and prolonged a yawn, almost beyond the limits of decency-then shut his eyes and tilted his hat down over the bridge of his nose.

"'N' ain't thin's happenin' every day," in unmoved and judicial tones the orator continued, "right here, in these very surroundin's of the highest civilization, that make a human bein' kinder wish he were somethin' else? Of course, if it are a fact, 'n' sech, I believe, some holds it to be, that, at one time, onto this very globe, there was ages called the Dark Ages, why, we got to look round us, and think we her bin kinder lively, makin' headway, but we ain't bin so blame lively that we kin afford to go sweepin' natchel-born bein's off the face of the 'arth, to git 'em out of our sight! It would look to me, that they were quite as much room for people that ain't no business to be here, as for

them that hes." "Who-a-a!" cried the man whose horse continued to indicate a just impatience for his society. "I got to go now, but if I was n't in a darn hurry down Branston way, I 'd like to stop and refute them argyments of yourn."

"You mought like to," rejoined his opponent, settling back calmly in his chair. "People mostly would like to do thin's they ain't fitted for 'n' never kin do! You could n't fetch no argyments to me, Lige! My reasonin' powers is sech, not that I want to boast, but they got jes that capacity 'n' depth, that you mought as well talk to a deef 'n' dumb man, as try to show me any other view of a subjeck than the one I git hold of first. I ain't possess the humbility to *listen* to a man that think he kin show me where I'm wrong when I know I'm right! - No, no; that horse o' yourn, Lige, got more sense than you hev. He 's a-callin' you to come 'n' git at somethin' you do un-

ain't fit to arg' with me. The man who never spoke scraped his throat suddenly in a peculiarly rasp-

ing and aggressive manner, and walked to the window look after Lige. "What I say is

this," continued the man who never went home, addressing the circumambient air: "Don't be prejudiced, don't be narra-minded. If a Chinee, or a



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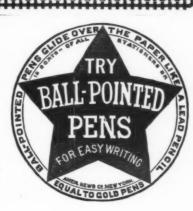


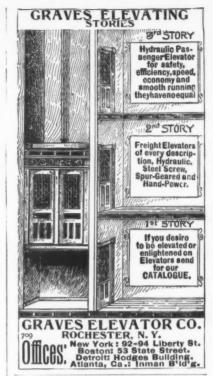
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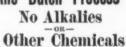
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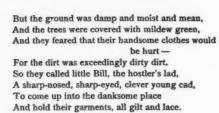
And twixt the two—'t is what they say— 'T was mighty little got away.

> The robbers, sturdy, strong and stout, Determined for to fight it out — Because the maiden would refuse Between the pair of them to choose: For both were young and had displayed Great fitness for the robber trade.

> > So when they said "Drop round to-night And watch the combat while we fight; And when it's ended give your hand To either of us who can stand!"
> > She said, "Oh, sweet romantic dream! A chaste refinement gilds your scheme.

> > > "I'll consecrate my tender life Unto the winner in your strife -And over the hills and far away Beyond the merry break of day,

> > > > Where they prepared for the battle hot. Great big Hugh with his shoulders wide, John, the Tall, six foot in his pride. No bigger men Than they two then



And they piled Bill up with costly stuff, And having stripped to their breeches and buff, They pitched in fighting, and pitched in rough.

> Then said Little Bill to the lady fair, "Are you onto the stuff I am carrying there? There's two gold watches and ten gold rings,
> And breast-pins and watch-charms and such-like thing And a purse or two and a dagger new, And a coat of red and a coat of blue, Gold-laced and satin-lined through and through. There is wealth untold in this heap, my dear, And this is what I propose to you here: Let these two elephants fight away And we will skip for the break of day-And over the hills, over the hills, and over the hills

we'll go!'

And the lady said, "William, a mind like yours Is a mind that a maiden of taste allures, Wrap 'em up safe in this shawl of mine And consider my whole fond being thine; If we get out quiet and do not lag

And while the two robbers battled away -And bloody and terrible was the fray
They neither observed

How they were served When, with all their precious and fine array, Bill and the maid in a modest way Softly sneaked for the break of day-And over the hills, over the hills, over the hills they went.









